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FINDS GEM IN HEEL OF SHOE

Ruby, Lost by Young Woman on Board a Steamship, Recovered by Hotel Valet.

To lose a pigeon blood ruby worth \$2,000 in the stateroom of a steamship and to find the gem imbedded in the heel of a rubber soled shoe a few days later was the experience of Miss Clementina Clenski, who arrived from Poland with her father and sisters on board the Imperator, of the Hamburg-American line, the other day, the New York Herald states.

Occupying expensive staterooms on the Imperator were Mr. Fabena Clenski, wealthy resident of Plement, Poland, and his two daughters, Magdalena and Clementina. The handsome gowns and gems of the young women attracted much attention among the passengers. This was especially true as regarded the earrings worn by Miss Clementina Clenski—twin pigeon blood rubies, large as the nails of her little finger, and said to be heirlooms.

When in midocean the purser of the Imperator was informed that one of the rubies had been lost. Instant search was made, but the gem could not be found.

On the arrival of the Clenski party at the Astor hotel, Miss Clenski decided that her shoes needed shining, and, in accordance with the European custom, placed her shoes, including a pair with rubber soles, before her door before retiring. In due course the shoes were taken in charge by the hotel valet. While shining one of the rubber soled shoes a glistening object imbedded in the heel attracted his attention and he pried it out with his pocket knife.

He gasped in wonder at his find, for it was the long lost ruby. He took the gem to A. Palmer, assistant manager of the hotel, and he in turn carried it to Miss Clenski. The valet was sent for and it was observed that he was in exceptional good humor for the balance of the day.

Miss Clenski says that she must have dropped the ruby in her stateroom and accidentally stepped on it, the gem imbedding itself in a slight opening in the rubber.

WANTED—A steady position on a farm by boy seventeen years old with experience for past two years. Good with team and attentive to live-stock. Phone or write the Republican office.

MAN THEIR FAVORITE DISH

Cannibalism in the Solomons Is Looked on as Religious and Tribal Rite.

A letter descriptive of one of the chief cannibal settlements and the rites of the savages was recently received here from Sydney from a traveler, who had spent some time in the cannibal-infested Solomon Islands in the Pacific. The Solomons are the cannibalistic hub of the south Pacific, although human flesh is also eaten occasionally in the Marquesas and New Hebrides islands.

"Maneaters on land, maneaters in the water; for God's sake, steer clear of the Solomons!" was the advice given to the writer when he first expressed his intention of visiting those islands. In Fiji travelers are still so advised.

"At Suva," says the writer of the letter, "the mate of a trader told me: 'You can chuck a pig overboard anywhere in the Solomons, and five minutes later walk ashore on the black dorsal fins of sharks. But what's the use? The blacks will snap you up and pick your bones the minute you reach the beach.'"

"Cannibalism, which has always been practised in the Solomons, owes its persistence not to any particular predilection for human flesh," says the writer of the letter, "but to the fact that it is looked upon as a religious and tribal rite."

"The sacrifice is not always—in fact, is not usually—a white man. But if a trader or a missionary happens to be within striking distance when a victim is required, the prophets or priests are more than likely to receive intimation from the spirits that only the flesh of a foreigner will answer the purposes of the ceremony."—New York Times.

Camera Without Charity.

To a very great extent, the difficulty of getting a good photograph is a compliment. Those people who "take" good photographs are generally those in whom facial expression elicits changes very little or changes very much. The subtler and more delicate expressions do not appear in a photograph, and frequently it is those by which we are remembered rather than by some of the actual weaknesses of feature which the camera so faithfully records. The greatest of all virtues is charity, but the camera has no charity—and it is often a liar.

MUST BEAR THE HALLMARKS

No Longer Possible to Sell Substitutes for Platinum in France as the Genuine Article.

Owing to the increasing price of platinum, new alloys of gold called "white gold" and "palladium gold" have lately come into use as a substitute for platinum in the manufacture of jewelry. To avoid the confusion of these alloys with pure platinum work three new stamps, or hallmarks, have been created by a recent French decree for use in making jewelry that is composed entirely or in part of platinum.

One of the new hallmarks, a dog's head, is used to stamp work of home manufacture which is to be sold in France; another, the head of a young girl, denotes work of home manufacture intended for exportation; and a mask designates imported goods. In combinations of platinum and white gold the proper stamps must be used to indicate the various metals.

Swatting the Fly in China.

An American doctor told the governor of an interior province in China about what some American cities have done to exterminate flies and mosquitoes, and why. The governor thereupon ordered handbills printed and circulated and personally paid the bills for them. The handbills, printed in Chinese, under the heading "Flies Kill People," were seven inches wide and 30 inches long and were distributed by the thousands.—World's Work.

The Beggar's Retort.

She—I shan't give you anything because I suspect you aren't blind at all.

He—That may be, but I can assure you there are moments when I wish I were.—Pele Mele.

Bathing Suit Fashions.

"That bathing suit of yours is cut rather low."
"Can't help it. I want to get tanned this summer low enough to meet my evening gowns."

Read the Republican ads.

A Cramped Ranchman.

Down in Amarillo lives a pioneer of Texas who owns a farm of 250,000 acres. He talks regretfully of the good old days when he could travel 450 miles and never see a fence, rarely a dwelling and more rarely a neighbor. Now, to him, Texas is becoming too thickly settled. His ranch of 250,000 acres seems small and cramped, and he looks yearningly backward, mourning for the old days and the old conditions—gone beyond any possible recall. Odd, is it, that some of us futilely regret the onward march of things? That so many of us seem to think change always a bad thing, and stagnation a thing to be desired? If we had it—deadly dullness, sleepy monotony—would we rest content, or would we rise in protest and try to bring about differences?

Moth Exterminators Multiplying.

Thousands of the handsome green and gold beetles imported from Europe two or three years ago for the purpose of killing off the gipsy and brown tail moth caterpillars have been seen during the past few days in the Blue Hills. Experts say that they are multiplying rapidly and are doing good work in killing off the caterpillar pests, especially in gipsy moths. The beetles are known as "calosoma scycophanta" and their bodies are as big in diameter as a five-cent piece.—Boston Traveler.

Does Not Sound So.

"It was so romantic! He proposed to me in one of the loveliest spots in Greece."

"Huh! Even love cannot make a Greece spot poetic."

The Miner's Bath.

Mrs. Rose Pastor Phelps Stokes said at a recent sociological convention in New York:

"The economies that some of the rich would force upon the poor! Why, they'd have the poor as impossibly economical as the miner's wife in Trinidad."

"This woman said to a missionary: 'Talk about economy! Well, sir, every night when my Bill comes home I shove him in the bathtub clothes and all, and after he gets out I sieve the water and make briquettes of it for the fire.'"

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